

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Consent Item:

Certification of Non-Public Schools

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 156.160(3)

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education accept the following recommendations of the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission to certify for the designated period of time the following schools?

FIVE years (July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2010) Accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission.

Immaculate Conception Elementary
Ms. Gayle Bauch
500 North Fifth Avenue
LaGrange, KY 40031

Prince of Peace Elementary
Sr. Suzanne Rose
625 Pike Street
Covington, KY 41011

St. Barnabas Elementary
Mr. Talbott Allen
3044 Hikes Lane
Louisville, KY 40220

St. Edward Elementary
Ms. Susan Jones
9610 Sue Helen Drive
Jeffersontown, KY 40299

History/Background:

Existing Policy. KRS 156.160(3) provides that any “private, parochial or church school may voluntarily comply with curriculum, certification, and textbook standards established by the Kentucky Board of Education and be certified upon application to the Board by such schools.”

At the September 1992 meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education approved a process to certify non-public schools. The Board certifies schools by accepting the recommendations of the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission. The Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission ensures that the schools being presented to the Board for certification have successfully completed the accreditation process of one of the ten state, regional or national accrediting agencies approved for this purpose by the Board.

Staff Recommendation(s) and Rationale(s):

Staff recommends endorsing the recommendations for certification of the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission.

The Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission has worked closely with the Kentucky Board of Education and the Kentucky Department of Education to establish the certification process for non-public schools. The Commission has appointed a coordinator for the project who monitors the process carefully before making the recommendations presented here.

The schools listed above have successfully completed the accreditation process conducted by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

The Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission recommends certification for the schools listed for the designated periods of time.

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